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As a means of complying with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.56, the Applicants are calling the following newly cited documents to the attention of the Patent Office and request that they be considered by the Examiner:

United States Patent 4,002,082 United States Patent 4,449,959 Japanese Patent Abstract 2000 2302

German Patent 40 16 469

The above-identified material may be relevant to the prosecution of the subject patent application because it was cited in the European Search Report of our corresponding European patent application. A copy of the above-identified references, a copy of the European Search Report, and Form PTO-1449 are enclosed herewith.

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